THE

SAILOR'S WOOING

A SEA STORY.

Next day the two men had contrived a raft of sthe spars, whereupon the Hindoo at last brought up his three women, veiled from head to foot, and the whole got safe to the island. Here all the Mahometans herded together amongst themselves, forcing the two Englishmen to keep on the other side of the island, as they had no firearms; while the old Hindoo merchant and his native servant got a tent pitched en the highest point for the women, where they were no more seen than before, and a mag horsted on a stick all the time for a signal to ships—poor simple devil! as Jones said with a laugh. Every day he offered the Arab crew more of the gold and jewels he had with him, to make for India and get him brought off; till at last some of the Arabs came round to the mate and his companion, wanting them to take the boat and go instead, otherwise they would kill both of them at once. The two men accordingly had provisions given them, and hoisted sail on the boat before the breeze to eastward, they had almost dropped the island, when all at once the one in the boat's bows stepped aft to him that had the tiller, and said it struck him the Arabs couldn't mean well to the Hindoo and his wives, in trying to get clear of the others. All his companion did, Jones said, was to ask if he was man enough to go back, face them boldly, and effer to take the passenger and his harem too, when some craft or other might come back for the Arabs, since they weren't sug-Next day the two men had contrived a raft them boldly, and offer to take the passenger and his harem too, when some craft or other might come back for the Arabs, since they weren't seamen enough to venture first in the boat. "It tell you what," said the first, "try the two largest breakers of water there!" The water for use next after the open one was tasted—and it was sail. "Will you stand by me?" the second man said, after a while. The other had a dog with him of his own, that had swam ashore from the vessel after the raft he landed upon, and it was sleeping on the boat's bow at the moment, near him; the dog lifted its head, as they spoke, eyed the two, and lay down again with a low sort of growl. "Ay, answered the other, "to the last I will—as long as you stick by me!" They hauled over the sheet, laid the boat sharp on a wind, and as soon as it was dusk began to

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They hauled over the sheet, laid the boat sharp on a wind, and as soon as it was dusk began to pull back toward the island, where they got ashore in the dark before morning.

Here Jones stopped, turned saidenly round to the glare of the white water plashing upon the beach, and said no more. "Why, Jones," said I, "is that all you've to tell?—what came of them? For God's sake, yes—what was the upshot?" "Tis enough to show how one bad thing breeds another, as I said, sir, answered he "Probally in the end, though—at any rate I only fancy the rest—tisa horrible dream to me, for a—a—squall came on when that shipmate of mine got so far, and we had to reef topsails. He went overloand off the yard that very night, "said Jones wildly. "The man must have been there," said I in a pointed way, to give all the particulars—he was the mate, himself, Mr, Jones." He made no answer, but kept gaving out to sea. "And how long was this ago?" I asked. "Oh," answered he, "years enough ago, no doubt, sir, for both of us to be children, if you were born, Mr. Collins"—and he turned his face to me as ghasily as the water toward the borizon he was looking at before,—"at least I hope to God it was so—the man was a poor creature sir, bless you, and very old, as it seems to me. The search of the property of the seems to me. The least I hope to God it was so—the man was a poor creature sir, bless you, and very old, as it seems to me. The search of the property of th I nope to God it was so—the man was a poor creature sir, bless you, and very old, as it seems to me—twice my own age at the time, Lieutenant Collins! At all events, though, "he went on, rambling in a strange way that mule me think he was going out of his mind, "he remembere! well enough the first time he saw the white water coming down upon the island, he was bunting—hartiese-through the backets and me water coming down upon the island, he was hunting—hunting—through the bushes and up and down, and came up upon the cra; ""Hunting?" I said. "Yes, you didn't know how it lived, or where it kept, but every night it was on the look-out there. There was no one else, save the girl sleeping over beyond in the hut; and the man almost fancied the water of the sea was coming down to the rocks and the beach, like the Almighty himself, to show he was clear of all that had happened—if he could but have finished that brute, restifying like the very devil he'd have been happy, he feld. Hark ye, said he, sinking his voice to a whisper, "when devil he'd have been happy, he felt! Hark ye,"
said he, sinking his voice to a whisper, "when
he went back at day light, the woman was dying
—she had born a — what was as innocent as she
was, poor, sweet, young heathen!" And if I
hadn't guessed pretty well before that Jones was
the man he'd been speaking of, his glittering
eve, and his stride from the beach would have
showed it; apparently he forgot everything besides at that moment, till you'd have thought
his mind gloated on this piece of his history.
"The woman!" I couldn't help saying, "what
woman? Had the rest left you in the boat, then?"
Jones looked upon me fiercely, then turned
away; when all on a sudden such a long unear.hly quaver of a cry came down through the stillmess, from somewhere, aboft in the island, that
at first I didn't know what to think, unless one
of our look-out men had met with an accident,

and trast I dole it know with to trank, unless one of our look-out men had met with an acciden; and tumbled down. "Twas so dark where they were, however, there was so seeing them. Without looking for himself, Jones faced me, shivering all over. "What is that, Mr Collins?" whispered he, catching my arm with a clutch like death, " is there anything youler—behind—sir?" On the flat head of the crag north-westdeath, "is there anything youter—behind—sir?" On the flat head of the erag north-west-ward, black against the pale glimmer over the very spot where he had stood half-an-hour before, to my utter horter, there was some creature or other sitting as if it looked toward the sea; and just then another wild, quivering, ed lying sound came evidently enough from it, like a thing that would never end. It wasn't a human voice that!—my very brain spun with it, as I glanced to Jones. "Good heavens!" I said, "nehar? But now I think of it; ves—tis the bowl of a dog—nothing else!" "Eight—ton years!" said Jones, hearsely, "without fold, too, and enough in that well to have p isomed while gangs of men for twenty years—ada it be an eartily bile, sie?" The struck in gave me at the moment was more frichtful then aught else, but I mentioned what Westweel and I had observed the day before. Before I well knew what he meant, Jones was stealing swiffly up the rising ground to the shoulder of it. I saw whim get suddenly on a level with the creature, his mucket siming for it—there was a flash and a shot that left the height as bare as before—and next minute, with a short whilepering bowl, the animal flew down the hill, while I heard Jones crashing through the bushes after it, till he was lost in the dark. Such a terrible notion it gave me of his strange story being true, whereas before I find a lamest fueled it. notion it gave me of his strange story being true, whereas before I had almost fancied it partly a craze of his, from having lived here alone—that for a moment or two it seemed to my mind we were still in the milst of it. I hurried back to our post, and thus notices. without a word, haggard and covered with

All next day the horizon on every side we clear of a single speck; no signs either of ship or schooner, till I began to wish we were out of it, hoping the Seringap tun had, after all kept the old course for Bomovy, in spite of us. I found Jones had warned the men not to get our water out of the tank; it being poisoned in a way fit to last for years, as the pirites kay when to do. For our buts, we had to search

our water out of the tank; it being poisoned in a way it to last for years, as the prities kay whow to to. For our parts, we had to amissious elves the best way we could, waiting for the schooner to come down again for us, which was the only thing I look at for now. The night the white appearance of the water to now hand windard seemed a good deal gone, sive where it hung like a haze in the direction is took off the island; the stars shone ou, and in two or three nights more I found from Jones there would be nothing of it, which I hoped I should have to take on his word.

At daybreak, however, our book-or could all of a sudden be seen holding the signal for a sail in sight, and waving his hat for us to come. No socner hed we hunded up accordingly, than a seil cook is not out in the south-east. In il down; and the schooner not being likely there away a certain flutter in me at once set it down for the Indiaman at last, on her way far past the island for the open channel. Being broad daylieds, too with a fresh breeze blowing, we saw that Foster and his party, if they carried out their scheme, would have to wait till she was a long way to windward at time, in order to get clear off. In fact, I had every one kept do yo off the height, lest the thip's glasses might possibly notice something; while, at the rane time, we hadn't even a fire kindled to cook our victuals. I way wat hing her over the brow of the hill, through the telescope, when she evidently shood round on the other tack to get up to windward, which brought her gradually nearer. She was a large thing under full canvass; and at last she rose for hall to the white streak below the bulwarks, till I began to think they intended pussing the bland to eastward to make the channel. egan to think they intended passing th laind to eastward to make the chann i.

I went down for Jones, and a ked him
how far the reefs actually ran out, whin
he told me, there would probably be
signs enough of them in such a strong
breeze; besides, as he reminded me, if she
was the Indiaman, it was the captain himself
that had a chart of them: in which, from the
particular nature of it—being an old bucaneer-

ing chart, as he thought—'hey would be laid down quite plainly. Indeed, when we both returned to an height, there were lines of surf to be noticed here and there, more than three miles out; and seeing her by that time so distinctly, a new uncasiness began to enter my head. There were no signals we could make, even if they didn't serve the other way; and to tell the truth, I didn't much like the idea of being found there. Still, it was terrible to see her getting nearer and nearer, without the power of doing the least thing to warn her off; spreading and heightening before you, till you counteil her sails, and saw the light betwixt them, with the breeze always strengthening off that doing the least thing to warn her off; spreading and heightening before you, till you counted her sails, and saw the light betwist them, with the breeze always strengthening off that side the island, and of course making it the safer for her to pass it to leaward. The blue surges rose longer to the foam at their crests, till one's eye got confused between them and the spots of surf rippling greenish over the tongues of reef; in fact, it wasn't far off being low-water at the time, and the whole was to be seen better from the height than elsewhere, stretched out like a floor that the breeze was sweeping across, raising a white dust where the blue melted into the light-brown tint of the sea to leeward. The breeze came so fresh that she even hauled down her skysails and fore-royal, falling off to go to leeward of the island. At the same moment I made out with the glass that she wantexally the Seringapatam, and also that she'd got a leademan at work in the chains. Floor minutes more, and she'd have gone time enough into the distinct brown colored swells, to stand that the deep end: without help from the glass, I saw the sun sparkle in the spray from her black bows; she made a sliding forge ahead with her whole beam on to us; when, next moment, as if she had taken a sudden yaw and broached to in the wind, she came fairly endoor, showing the three piles of canvass in one. A wild bodling of the truth crept on me as I sprang on the peak, waving my arms, and stamping like a lunatic, as if they could hear me. The next instant she had fairen a little over, her foretop-mast and main-to-gallant-mast gone out of their piaces at the shock, and the heavy blue swells running to her highest side in a perfect heap of foam; while the spray rose in white jets across her weather bulwarks at every burst et them. The Indiaman had struck on a rib of reef, or else a spit of sand, near the very edge of the whol bank; had it been only high weter-as I had reason to believe afterwards—she'd have gone clear over it. As soon as the first horro our being here at all, in case of having some-thing or other to manage yet that may cost us harder!" It didn't need much thought to see this, in fac'; and in place of going down, ten mion the slope, watching the wreck. What was at the bottom of all this I didn't know; whether Captain Finch had really got wind of Foster's scheme, and been playing with some hell sh notion his heart failed him to carry out, or how it was; but what he was to make of this was the question.

Well, toward afternoon, the wreck seemed Well, toward afternoon, the wreck seemed pretty much in the same state, though by that time they had evidently given her up, for the boats were beginning to be holsted out to leeward. We couldn't see what went on there, till one of them suddenly appeared, pulling out for the island, about three nules off; then the large launch after it. There were ladies' dresses to be made out in both, their closks and shawls dutaring, bright to the brease as the fluttering bright to the breeze as the boats dipped in the short swells; and they were full an hour ere they got out of our sight, near the broad beach, on the level side, where near the broad beach, on the level side, where the tile was ebbing fast again, making it a hard matter to pull the distance. Two more beats come off the ship, filled full of casks and other matters, save the crews; the rest of the passengers and men no doubt waiting for the On coming within hail of the fresh boats, however, they apparently gave in, since we could see the two of the n. to our great surprise, strike round, and make for the beach again with their shipmates, in spite of signals from the wreek, and shots even thread after them. The breeze by that time flagged, leaving less of a sen against the ship's hall in the dead water from the other reefs, and she hal fallen over again to beward—a proof of her sticking fast where she struck, without much fear of parting very soon in such weather; but the sun was going down, and this being the first sign of foul play we had observed, 'twas plain at all events we should have to look sharp about us. We kept close up the height, bolled our cold jank and bleedit, washing down with a stiff caulker, and looked every mean to his tools. To my great satisfaction, the Painter, who had watched every thing seemingly in pure hewilderment, woke up satisfactore, the Emiter, who had watched everything scendingly in pure bewilderment, woke up out of it when he knew how matters stood, and han led his double-barrel as cool as a coumber, putting in two bullets above the small shot hand got for the birds, and ramming down with the air of a men summing up a couple of bills against a rascally debtor. For my own part, I and the air of a men summing to feel it was longer of coming to feel to have done of coming to feel to have done of coming to feel to have d in the transfer of the state of the state of the state of the state of a dream, owing to Jones' broken story; till the thought of relie was to all likelihoo! on the very isluid below, with the rest of the ladies, amount a set of all sors of foremast men thrown loose from command—hilf of them, probably, ruffiaus, with some hand in the matter—it came on me like fire at one's vitals. Meantine we sat there patiently enough for wam of knowing what was 't do first, or which way we had best keep to avoil bringing matters to a head, worse than they yet were.

The night came out of the dusk a fine starlight to seaward beyond the reefs where the Indiaman lay, the high side of the island, glooming back night with the deep blue glistening sky, till you didn't see how large it might be; while the water hung gimmering off to leeward from the rocks. The ship's crew had kin lied a fire on the long strand near the boats, and we heard their raise gentless heare and lands above the raise register and learness and lands above. the rocks. The ship's crew had kin lied a first on the long strand near the boats, and we hard their noise getting loader and louder above the sound of the sea plashing upon it—evidently through their nuking free with liquor. Jones being no doubt well acquainted with every part of the ground, he proposed to go over and see how things stood, and where the passengers might be: at the same time, as Mr. Rollock was more likely to come conveniently to speech of them.

likely to come conveniently to speech of them, both for explaining our being here and putting them on their guard, he agreed to go too.

One or other of them was to hurry back as description. All was still, save below toward the water's edge—the scannen's voices at times mixing with the washing hum of the sarge on the rand, then rising over it in the chorus of a mixing with the washing hum of the sarge on the sand, then rising over it in the chorus of a forecastle song, or a sudden bit of a quarrelsone uprear; not whits tanding which they began ap-parently to settle down to sleep. At last the Planter come skirting round the hill through the trees, quite out of breath, to say they had discovered the spot where the ladies had no dealth less tall an include the fine of the same than the

to my great surprise, it was the creature do had such a horror of—the dog that had run won the is and, snuthing with his rose to on the is and, snuthing with his rose to the ground as if he were in chase of so nething; while the straw hats and tarpaulins of half-adozon fellows with ship! murk its and cutlasses followed him over the hill, not thirty paces above us. I signed to Jacobs to keep quiet, as they halted together, looking at the dag; and, from what I could eatch of their words, they had noticed it ever since sundown, sitting at the foot of the hill watching what went on, till the animal ran toward them as if they were friends, every now and then turning and making for the height with a bark and a whimper, as it did at present. One of the men was Foster. "I tell ye what it is," said he, "there's some follow on the island already, mates. If we ketch him, why, we'll have it out of him—then down with it quietly to the abore, and go

off in the long boat, seeing as how this blasted fool of a skipper of ours has spoiled our pleasure!"
The dog turned again, wagged his tail, and put his nose te the ground. I thought at first he'd bring them right upon us, when suddenly he broke off with a yelp exactly into the track Jones had taken with Mr. Rollock on leaving us. The sailors kept away in his wake, down through the bushes into the thick dusk of the trees; upon which the Pianter and I started to our feet at once, and held cautiously after them, the five man-o'-warsmen following at our heels, Indian file.

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Jones, however, had either heard the dog, or got an inkling of the thing, and he had taken a long round sons to join us from behind: the Indiannan's men keeping on for a quarter of an hour or so, when they brought up again, seemingly doubtful whether to follow theoreature or not; and we dropped like one min into the shadow, till they made sail once more. Soon after the Planter pointed to the trees where the passengers were, and, on a sign from me, the whole of us edged down to the spot, till we were standing within sight of the half-finished fire, where the Judge's kitmagar was sitting asleep, tailor-fishion, with his first turban sunk to his breast. One of the cadets stool down the slope a little, betwixt that and the beach where the crew were, leaning sleepily on his gun, and nodding; while in the midst was a sort of shed, run up with branches and cocon-nut leaves, where you could see a glimpse of the different Ladies' dreeses, young and old, asleep on the ground. The startight fell right down into the opening, and showed the glistening edges of the leaves, with the sea broad our beyond the cocons at the foot of the rising ground; so bidding Jones look out sharp. I stepped carefully through My eye lighted at once on Sir Charles Hyde lying in one nook of the shelter, wrapped up in his pilot-coat—the first time in the old gentleman's life for a good while, I daresay, that he had passed his night on the ground, especially with such a lot of berths taken up beside him. Sill he was sound enough at the time, to judge by his breathing, trile as it was to the Planter's; and close by him was his daughter, with her cloak drawn half over head in the shadow—her hair confused about her cheek as it pressed white into the bundle of red bunting she had for a piland close by him was his daughter, with her clock drawn half over head in the shadow—her hair confused about her cheek as it pressed white into the bundle of red bunting she had for a pillow, and one hand keeping the clock fast at the neck, as if she dreamt of a stiff breeze. The sight went to my heart, and so did the notion of waking her : but I heard sounds below on the beach, as if the rest of the crew missed their ship-mates, probably getting jealous after their booze, and not unlikely to seek them up the island; so the more it struck me there was no it ime to be lost in coming to an understanding. Accordingly, I stooped down quietly and touched her on the shoulder. Violet Hyde opaned her eyes at once, and looked at me; but waether it was the starlight showing my uniform, or her fancying it was still the I diaman in the Atlantic, in place of crying out, why, there was almost a smile on her lips as she saw me from the ground. Next moment, however, she drever her hand across her eyelids, sat up with the help of the other arm, and gazed on me in a bewildered way, naming me at the same time below her breath. "Yes, Miss Hyde!" I said hastily, and a few words served to give her a notion of the case, as well as to advise her to wake up the Judge, with the rest of the ladies, and be ready to move the moment we came back. My first thought was to take Foster's own plan, and secure the long-boat, if we could only get betwixt the Indiaman's crew and the water; or even try our own, on the opposite side of the island, and carry off the other boats to the wreck; after which we might keep off till the schooner appeared, as she couldn't be long of doing in this weather.

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I had just stolen back to the men and Mr I had just stolen back to the men and Mr. Rollock, when all at once there was a wild cry, not twenty yards off, among the brushwood. A heavy blow and a struggle, in the midst of which three shots, one after the other, were heard from the cadets; next minute, with oaths and curses to the mast head, and a crash through amongst the branches in the dark, Foster and his shipmates came making for the opening. Something herrible flashed through my mind as I fancied I had caught Finch's voice, whether one way or the other I couldn't say, for I had no thought at the time excepting for Violet. Strick upon shrick broke from the ladies ere I well knew I had big Harry himself by the hairy throat of him, as he was aiming a left-hunded stroke of his cutlass at the Julige, who had sprung betwixt him and his daughter. The

throat of him, as he was aiming a 1.16-hander stroke of his cutlass at the Julge, who had sprung betwixt him and his daughter. The strength of that ruffian was wonderful, for he flung me off and levelled Sir Charles Hyde at the same moment, the Judge's body tripping me. Jones and my own men, as well as the Planter, were hard at work with the other five desperate villains; while the calets and the second officer of the Seringapatam rushed in from the trees—all of it passing in half a minute. As I streed to my feet, Foster had lifted Violet Hyde in his arms, and was dashing through the darkest of the wood with her toward the hollow; when just as I was hard upon him, doubly to my horror, above all the screams of the ladies I could hear the wild drunken shouts of the crew below coming up from the beach like so many devils. Foster had got as far as the next opening where the rubbish of the hut was, and, no doubt catching the sound as well as myself, all at once he dropped the young lady on the grass—in a faint as she was, and her white dress stained with blood, as I thought from herself.

"Devil!" said I through my teeth, as I eiged round; and Foster was in the very act of rushing at me, whether he trod on her or not, when my voice or dress seemed to strike him in the dask.

usk. "How the bloody comfort did you-"said he "How the bloody comfort did you—"said he shrinking back for a moment: "so much the better, by G—!" and he sprang forward again right upon me, with a swinging boarder's blow at my head, which flashed off my blade with a force enough to have shivered it, had it not been a first-rate old cut-and-thrust I had tried pretty stilly before. If I hadn't been in such a fury of rage, and a hurry at once, 'twould have been Harry's last hit; but, at the third he made, I caught him fair under it, the point going through caught him fair under it, the point going throug and through his body as I thrust him bac stride by stride—his cutlass waving fiercely a stride by stride—his cutlass waving fiercely all the time in the air clear of my head, for the stroke came under his arm. The moment he fell, though I knew nothing before that of where we were, there was a heavy plunge; I had nearly followed en top of him, as he went head-foremost blown the tank-well under the trees; but next moment, without a theory in trees; but next moment, without a though more to him in the heat of the struggle, I wa-lifting Violet off the grass. What I did or what more to him in the heat of the struggle, I was lifting Violet off the grass. What I did or what I said, to see if she would revive, I don't really now: but I remember, as well as if it were last night, the very sound of her voice as she teld me she wasn't hurt. The affair in the wood below us had suddenly caased during these five or ten minutes—indeed, as I found afterwards, Jones and my party had settled every one of the five, either allogether or for the time but the words of were than twenty fives. wards, Jones and my party had settled every one of the five, either altogether or for the time; but the uproar of more than twenty fierce veices could be heard beyond them, cursing and yelling as they came stumbling and crashing up amongst the brushwood in a body; while the ladies and their companions struggled up from all sides toward the height, wild with terro-. I met Sir Charles Hyde hurrying to seek his daughter, however; and the moment he had her in his arms, I rushed down, pistel in hand, to join in his arms, I rushed down, pisted in hand, to join my men, who were standing firm below, as the mutineers burst into the opening, no doubt with the notion they had only the cadets to do with. "Here, my lads!" I sang out; "make every man of them prisoner—down with 'em to the schooner!" And as I broke suddenly through in the starlight in the midst of them, Jones, Jacobs, the Planter, and the other four man-of-presents are read to the model. the cue, and shouting as if to ever so many bihind us, "Here they are, shipmates—this way—
settle the blackguards!" In fact the moment I
appeared, the gang of half-drunk fellows wertaken aboek. One of them roared as if he saw
the very devil; and giving them no time to
think, we drove them scattering down toward
the beach, One of Foster's party, however, bring,
only stunned, had contrived to get down amongs only stunned, had contrived to get down amongs them; and in a little while, seeing we didn' follow, the whole lot of them appeared to ge an inkling of the truth, on which they rallied It wasn't long ere I saw they had got desperate and were planning to divide, and come some where over upon us round the heights so that, in the dark, with our small party not knowing their numbers, the best we could do was to gather up toward the peak, and secure the ladies Accordingly, we passed an uncomfortable snow.

gather up toward the peak, and secure the ladies. Accordingly, we passed an uncomfortable enough time during the rest of the night, till day-break, when still no signs of the schooner, as we saw in the clear to north-eastward. Frightful notionscame into my head of something having hap pened to her; the mutineers below were on both sides of the island, and they held the watering-place; we hadn't provisions for a single breakfast to half the party of us—and, the fellows being now fairly in for it, they could starve us out if they chose. You may conceive, accord. fast to half the party of us—and, the fellows being now fairly in for it, they could starve us out if they chose. You may conceive, accord-ingly, what a joyful sight met my eyes, when, on the dusk lifting off to northward, we could see the lovely craft under all sail not six miles off, bearing down before a fresh breeze for the deep end of the island! The wind had headed her off on her way backf; and, knowing nothing of the wreck, Westwood might have landed at

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the mercy of the villains in the bush. But the minute we saw his boat out, the whole of us, save the Judge and the Planter, made a clean charge down upon them—the schooner's men joining us with the cars and boat-stretchers; and in another half-hour the whole gang, having lost heart, were taken and lashed fast by the wrists on the beach, to a single man.

On searching the watering-place during the day, we found some one had covered the mouth of the tank with sticks and leaves, through which Harry Foster had gone when he fell. The steff had fallen in over him; and the well being evidently made deep into the rock, to hold water the longer, with the roots of the trees growing out into it, his body never came up. Somehow or other no one liked to sound it to the bottom; but the thing that herrified all of as the most, was to find Captain Finch himself lying quite dead amongst the brushwood near where the passengers had pitched their quarters, with a cut through his skull enough to have killed an ox. It was supposed Foster had suddenly some upon him, as he and his shipmates looked out for the board they thought the pirates had in the island, while Finch was on guard over ladies. Whether the fellow took a new notion, at the moment, or what it was, the whole gang of them made their rush upon the second mate and the cadets, the minute after the captain met his death.

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Just conceive standing up the hot Bay of Bengal with flagging south-westerly breezes, differing at times to a brisk south-easter, or a squall, as we've done ourselves this week. The moon wasn't at the full then, of course, so we only had it like a reaper's sickle in the dog watches; but it was fine weather, and you may imagine one sometimes contrived, betwixt Westwood and myself, to have Violet on the quarterdeck of an evening without the Judge. Tom would step forward auddenly to see a small pull taken on a sheet, and Snelling knew pretty well not to walk aft of the capstan; so I could lean over the taffrail near her, and look at the schooner's wake glimmering and sparkling up in the bubbes astern.

Then to save trouble, you need but picture to yourselves some such sort of a daybreak as we

Then to save trouble, you need but picture to vourselves some such sort of a daybreak as we had this morning; a cool blue cloudless sky all aloft, dappled to eastward with a mighty arch, as it were, of small white spots and flakes, as a perfect sea of light flows up into it before the sun under the horizon, and a pale slanting shaft of it seems to hang gray in the yellow above him.* [The zodiacal light, seen at surrise and sunset.] The sea heaves deep blue and desperblue under the schoot er; the wide flock of small clouds burn from gold to fire; the slanting streak of light fades and vanishes, and the sun comes up like a gush of flame—sending a stream of glittering radiance along the water to our starboard low, while it shows a long flat line of land far on the other beam. The Planter is smoking his first cheroot for that day at the stern land far on the other beam. The Planter is smo-king his first cheroot for that day at the stern gratings, when we make out three or four faint points over the streak of land, shining like gold in the dawn; while at the same time three hazy pillars, as it were, are seen standing up betwixt sea and sky, beyond the rippling, blue in the northeastern board. The the spires of Jugger-naut pagoda on one side; and as the brisk morn-ing breeze drives the water into short surges, sill the schooner rises the ship upon the other, dl of a sudden she looms square and white upon our starboard bow. As the bull lifted higher and higher under her canvasa, there was less loubt every few minutes of her being a frigate; and by the time Violet and her father were standing together on the quarterdeck, the glo-rious old Hebe was signalling us from her fore-royal-masthead, as she kept close on a wind to cross our course.

we spoke the pilot-brig that evening, took We spoke the pilot-brig that evening, took out the pilot, and stood up into the mouth of the Hoogly with the night tide in the moonlight—dropping the Hebe at Damond Harbor next day, while Lord Frederick, and a Government gettleman be had with him from St. Helena, went up to Calcutsa with us in the schooner. The whole of the Lediaman's late crew and officers were left in the fright till further notice, not were left in the frigate till further notice, not were left in the frigate till further notice, notwithstanding which we were pretty well-crowded on our way up: Westwood and I were glad
of a couple of hammocks in the half deck; and,
in fact, I saw little more of Violet Hyde till they
sent ashore opposite Fort-Wiltiam.

In half an-hour we were lying at anchor in
the midst of the crowd of Indiamen, countryships, Arab craft, and all sorts of craft, besides, stretching for up to the next reach;

ships, Arab craft, and all sorts of craft, besides, stretching far up to the next reach; he long front of flat-topped buildings, with heir green venetians and balustrades, shining white over the row of trees on the right ank, like a string of palaces spreading back through the huge mass of the city to the pale hot eastern sky—a tall cocoa nut tree or a sharp-pire breaking it here and there; while the pile of Government House was to be seen dotted with adjutant-birds; and the opposite shore showed far off in a line of green jungle, faced by a few gay-looking spots of bungalaws. All the rest of the day Jones busied himself seeing all made regular and shipshape below and aloft, in complete seaman-like style, till I began to think he had taken a fancy to the schooner and meant to go with her and the frigate to the China seas. Next morning, however, as soon as breakfast present aboard, according to our agreement he would bid us good-bye. Nothing I could say was of the least use, so at last I had to give it up. Having little money about me, however, except in bids and intending to go ashore myself, I told him I should pay ham his mate's wages at once at a banker's in the town. By the time I seemed as a banker's in the town. rages at once at a banker's in the town. By he time I came ou deck, Jones had indeed a lingy, and the native boatmen paddled us to be grant below the Sailor's Home together.

I had shaken hands with him, and stood ratching him from the bank verandah, as his asnly figure, in the blue jacket, white duck rousers, and straw hat, passed away down Flag treet, stepping like a seem of free him.

trousers, and straw hat, passed away down Flag Street, stepping like a seaman fresh from blue water through a stream of Hindoos in white muslin, Mussuiman servants, tall capped Arme-nians, Danes, Fronchmen, Chimanen, Arabs, and Parsees. Three or four Coolies with paint-ed umbrellas were shouting and scrambling in his way, mentioning their names, salaming, and sah'bing him to the unies; a couple of na-ked black boys were trying to brush his shoes in the dust, a tray of native sweatnests seemed to ked black boys were trying to brush his shoes in the dust, a tray of native sweetmeats seemed to be shoved every now and then under his nose; and two or three children with heads as big as pumpkins were stuck before him, their mothers begging for "buckshish! buckshish!" Jones held on like a man accustomed to every sort of foreign scenes in the world; and out of curiosity to see where he would go, I followed him for a little toward the thick of the noise and crowd, through Tank Square, where the water-carriers were sprinkling the ground from the sheep-skins on their backs as they walked, serpent-charmers and jugglers exhibiting, and a dirty Fakir rollon their backs as they walked, serpent-charmers and jugglers exhibiting, and a dirty Fakir rolling at the corner in seeming agony, with a crowd of liberty men in Sunday toggery all round him. Jones looked up at the church steeping in the white heat, and across the glare of light to the city beyond, standing like a man, that didn't know what to do, or h in't seen Calcutta before; then passed carelesly by the half-slued sailors, who halled him as if he were a ship. At length he got to the turn of a street running into the native town, where you caught a glimpse of it swarming this way and that with turbans in the close everhanging bazars. Some Hindoo procession or other was coming along with tom-tems, gongs, tambourines and punkahs, sweeping on through a Babel of heathenish cries and songs; a knot of dancing-girly, with cries and songs; a knot of dancing girls, with red flowers in their sleek black hair, could be seen in a backery drawn by two hump backed bullecks; and a white Brahmin bull was poking its head amongst the heaps of fruit at a stall; whilst you heard a whole ship's erew hurraining and laughing amongst the confusion, as they frove along. Suddenly I saw Jones hail a palanguin near him, and get in. The four mud-colored bearers took the pole of it on their shoulders fore and aft—grea-y looking fellows, with other-marks on their noses and foreneals, a tuft of heir tied back on their heads like women, and is maked as they were born, saye the cloth.

of heir tied back on their heads like women, and is taked as they were born, save the clother ound their middle—and next moment away they trotted, grunting and swinging the palanquin, till I lost sight of them in the hubbub. Twas the last I saw of Jones.

Here the Captain stepped; the Gloucester's rew were getting the anchors off her forecastle to her bows for next day, when the light-ship off the Sandheads was expected to be seen; and, from his manner and his silence together, he evidently considered the yarn at an end. "That's all then?" carelesty asket the surgeon; who was a chest-player, and had heard only this part of the Captain's adventures, and the first two, so that he appeared to perceive a slight want of conection. "All?" was the unanimous voice of that he appeared to perceive a slight want of concelion. "All?" was the unanimous voice of the lady-passen_ers, m st of whom had been faithful listeners—the younger ones were obviously disappointed at something. "Why," said Captain Cellins, with a look which might be interpreted either as medest or "close," — "the fact is, I fancied the affair might serve to while away a single evening or so, and here have I been yarning different nights all this time! Tis owing to my want of practice, no doubt, ma'am." "Come, come," said the matron of the party, "you must really give us some idea of a denouement. These girls of mine won't be satisfied without it, Captain Collins; they will think it no story at all, otherwise!"

"An end to it, you mean?" answered he. "Why ma'am, if there were an end to it, couldn't be a 'short' yarn at all—that would be to finish and 'whip' it, as we say, before it's long enough for the purpose; whereas, luckily,

my life hasn't got to a close yet."

"Oh!" said the lady, "no sea casulstry for us; besides I am aware of the sequel, you know!"
"Why, ma'am," answered the Captain, looking up innocently, "it wasn't for two years and a half afterwards that I—I settled, you know!"
"Do you mean me to tell you all that happened in that time, about the Frenchman and what befel the schooner in the China seas? 'twould last the voyage home; but if you'll go back with me I've no particular objection, now I've go into the way." "No, no, my dear Captain,' said the lady, "we have had enough for the present of your nautical details—I beg pardon—but tell us how yeu succeeded in—" "Well," interrapted the narrator hastily, "twas somewhat thus: I was at home at Croydon, being by that time first lieutenant of the Hebe, but she was just paid off. One morning, at breakfast, the letterbag from the village was brought in as usual, my mother taking them out, reading off all the addresses through her spectacles, while Jane made the coffee. My mother handed Jane a ship-letter, which she put somewhere in her drese, with a blush; so that I knew in a moment it must be from Tom Westwood, who was in the Company's civil service in India, up-country. "None for me, mother?" asked I eagerly; for the fact was I had got one or two at different times, at Canton and the Cape of Good Hope, during the two years. "Yes, Ned," said my mother, eyeing it again and again; anxiously enough, as I thought: "there is—but I fear it is some horrid thing from those Admirals"—the Admiralty, she meant—"and they will be sending you off immediately—or a war, or something. Oh dear me, Ned," exclaimed the good woman, quite distressed, "won't you do as I wish you and stay altogether!" It was a letter from Lord Frederick Bury, who had succeeded to his eldest brother's title while we were out, saying he had the promise of a commandership for me as soon as a new brig for the West India station was ready. "I shan't have to go for six or seven months at any rate, mother, "said I, "by which

eye for me. Still they saw it was no use, and began to give it up.

Why I never heard at all from a certain quarter, I couldn't think. Till that time, in fact, I had been as sure of her proving true as I was of breezes blowing; but now I couldn't help fancy. ter, I couldn't think. Till that time, in fact, I had been as sure of her proving true as I was of breezes blowing; but now I couldn't help fancying all sorts of tyranny on the Judge's part and her mother's, not to speak of Tom's uncle, the Councellor. I went down the lane for the twentieth time, past the end of the house they had lived in, where the windows had been shuttered np and the gates close ever since I came. All of a sudden, this time, I saw there were workmen about the place, the windows open, and two servants washing down the yellow wheels of a travelling carriage. I made straight back for our house, went up to Jane, who was at her piano in the drawing-room, and asked quite out of breath, who was come to the house over the park behind us. "Did you not know that old Nabob was-coming back from India?" said Jane. "His face was getting too yellow, I suppose, and besides, his wife is dead from his crossness, no doubt. But the young lady is an heiress, Ned, and as I meant to tell you, from good authority"—here the siy creature looked away into her music—"passionately fond of the sea, which means, you know, of naval officers"—"The devisible is, Jane!" I broke out; "what did Westwood mean by that?—but schen are they coming, for heaven's sake?" "Why," said Jane, "I believe from what?—but schen are they coming, for heaven's sake?" "Why," said Jane, "I believe from what I heard our gardener say, they arrived last night." "Then my dear girll said I, "I'll tell you a secret—and mind, I count on you!" My little sister was all alive in a moment, ran to the door and shut it, then settled herrelf on the sofa to hear what I had to say, as eagerly as you please. So I told her what the whole matter was, with the sate of things when we left Calcutta. Jane seemed to reckon the affair as clear as a die; and you've no notion what a lot of new roops she put me up to in a concern of the kind, as well as ways to carry it out ship-shape to the end, in spite of the Judge—or else to smooth him over.

The long and short of it was

Report of the Secretary of War. The main points of this report were publishe

in our late edition of yesterday, but its exceeding great interest leads us to place it again be

fore our readers, more at length:

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 1, 1861.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the annual report of this Department.

The following statement presents the entirestimated strength of the army, both younteer

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ntucky		15.000	15,000
ine	768	14,239	15.007
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chigan	781	28,550	29 381
nnesota		4.160	4,166
sourihucas	9,356	22,130	31.486
w Hampshire		9,600	10,376
w Jersey	3,068	9.342	12.410
w York	10,188	100,200	110,338
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msylvania	19,199	94,760	113,559
ocie Island	1,285	5.838	7.183
mout	780	8,000	8,780
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Infantry	557,208 + 54,653 20,380 8,385	11,175 4,744 4,308	568,383 51,398 424 688 8,395 107
Total	640 637	90 334	660 971

The appropriations asked for the service of the next fiscal year are computed for a force of

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An tiem of heavy expense is the large mounted force which has been organized, equipped, and made available since the called session of and made available since the called session of Congress, and which was not computed for in the estimate. While an in-rease of cavairy was undoubtedly necessary, it has reached a numerical strength more than alequate to the wants of the service. As it can only be maintained at a great cost, measures will be taken for its gradual reduction.

Congress, during its extra session, authorized the army to be increased by the service.

the army to be increased by the acceptance of a volunteer of 500,000 men, and made an appropriation of five hundred millions of dollars for its support. A call for the troops was immediately made; but so numerous were the effers that it was found difficult to discriminate offers that it was found difficult to discriminate in the choice, where the patriotism of the people demanded that there should be no restriction upon enlistments. Every portion of the loyal states desired to swell the army, and every community was anxious that it should be respresented in a cause that appealed to the noblect impulses of our people.

So thoroughly aroused was the national heart that I have no doubt this force would have been swollen to a million had not the department felt compelled to restrict it, in the absence of authority from the

been swoten to a million had not the department felt compelled to restrict it, in the absence of authority from the representatives of the people to increase the limited number. It will be for Congress to decide whether the army shall be further augmented, with a view to a more speedy termination of the war, or whether it shall be confined to the strength already fixed by law. fixed by law.

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It is said of Napoleon by Jomini that, in the campaign of 1815, that great general on the 1st of April had a regular army of 200,000 men. On the 1st of June he had increased this force to 414,000. The proportion, adds Jomini, "had he thought proper to inaugurate a vast system of defense, would have raised it to 700,000 men by the 1st of September." At the commencement of this rebellion, in-augurated by the attack upon Fort Sumter, the entire military force at the disposal of this Government was 16,000 regulars, principally employed in the west, to hold in check marauding Indians. 75,600 volunteers were called upon to enlist for three months' service, and responded with such alacrity that 77,875 were immediately obtained. Under the authority of the act ately obtained. Under the authority of the act of Congress of July 22, 1861, the states were asked to furnish 500,000 volunteers to serve for three years, or during the war; and by the act approved the 29th of the same month, the addition of 25,000 men to the regular army of the

United States was authorized. The result is that we have now an army of upwards of 600,-000 men. If we add to this the number of the discharged three months' volunteers, the aggregate force furnished to the Government since April last exceeds 700,000 men.

We have here an evidence of the wonderful strength of our institutions. Without conscriptions, levies, draits, or other extraordinary expedients, we have raised a greater force than that which, gathered by Napoleon with the aid of all these appliances, was considered an evidence of his wonderful genius and energy, and of the military spirit of the French nation. Here every men has an interest in the Government, and rushes to its defense when dangers beset it.

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By reference to the records of the Revolution, it will be seen that Massachusetts, with a population of 350,000, had at one time 56,000 troops in the field, or over one-sixth of her entire people—a force greatly exceeding the whole number of troops furnished by all the Southern States during that war. Should the present leval states furnish treeps in like proportion, which undoubtedly would be the case should any emergercy demand it, the Government could promptly put into the field on army of over three millions.

It gives me great satisfaction to refer to the creditable degree of discipline of our troops most of whom were, but a short time since, engaged in the pursuits of peace. They are rapidly attaining an efficiency which cannot fail to bring success to our arms. Officers and men alike evince an earnest desire to accomplish themselves in every duty of the camp and field, and the various corps are animated by an emulation to excel each other in soldierly qualities.

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The conspiracy against the government extended over an area of 733,144 square miles, possessing a coast line of 3,523 miles, and a shore line of 25,414 miles, with an interior boundary line of 7,031 miles in length. This conspiracy stripped us of arms and munitions, and scattered our navy to the most distant quarters of the globe. The effort to restore the Union, which the government entered on in April last, was the mest gigantic endeavor in the high of civil war. The interval of sevenment is been spent in preparation.

The metry of this rebellion, in common with all others for obvious causes, records the first successes in favor of the insurgents. The disaster of Bull Run was but the natural consequence of the premature advance of our brave but undisciplined troops, which the impations of the country demanded. The betrayal also of our movements by traitors in our midst enabled the rebels to choose and intrench their position, and by a reinforcement is great strength, at the moment of victory, to snatch it from our grasp. This reverse, however, gave no discouragement to our gallant people: they have crowded into our ranks, and although large numbers have been necessarily rejected, a mighty army in invincible array stands eager to precipitate itself upon the Fo. The check that we have received upon the Potemac has, therefore, but postponed the campaign for a few months. The other suc-

vincible array stands eager to precipitate itself upon the fee. The check that we have received upon the Potomac has, therefore, but postponed the campaign for a few months. The other successes of the rebels, though dearly won, were mere affairs, with no important or permanent advantages. The possession of Western Virginia and the occupation of Hatteras and Beaufort have notly redeemed our transient reverses. At the date of my last report the states of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri were threatened with rebellion. In Delaware, the good sense and patriotism of the people have triumphed over the unholy schemes of traitors. The people of Kentucky carly pronounced themselves, by an unequivocal declaration at the ballot box, in favor of the Union; and Maryland, notwithstanding the efforts of bad men in power in the city of Baltimore, when the opportunity of a general election was afforded, under the lead of her trave and patriotic Governor, rebuked, by an overwhelming majority, the traitors who would have led her to destruction. In Missouri a loyal state government has been established by the people, thousands of whom have rallied to the support of the federal authority, and, in conjunction with troops from other portions of the country, have forced the rebels to retire into the adjoining state. The government established in Virginia by the loyal portion of har population, is in successful operation, and I have no doubt will be sustained by the people of the entire state whenever the thraldrem of the rebel forces shall have been removed.

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Thus has it been made clearly apparent that in whatever direction the forces of the Union have extended their pretection, the repressed loyalty of the people, irresistibly manifesting itself, has aided to restore and maintain the authority of the government; and I dente not that the army now assembled on the backs of the Potomac, will, under its able leader, soon make such a demonstration as will re-establish its authority throughout all the rebellious states.

The loyal Governor of Virginia is proceeding to organize courts under the constitution and laws of the state, in all her eastern counties in the occupation of our troops. I respectfully suggest that authority should be given to the President to send commissioners with the army, with power to exercise all the functions of local government wherever the civil authority has ceased to exist, and especially to enforce the obligations of contracts, and the collection of debts due to loyal creditors.

As stated in my last report, at the commencement of this rebellion, the government found

tself deficient in arms and munitions of war, brough the bad faith-of those intrusted with their control during the preceding administration. The armory at Harper's Ferry having been de-stroyed to prevent its possession and use by the rebels, the government was compelled to rely upon the single armory at Spsing field, and upon private establishments, for a supply of arms. Every effort has been made to increase the capacity of that armory, the greatest product of which, prior to these troubles, had never exceeded 800 muskets per month. In charge of an energetic and able ordnance officer, the force being doubled, and operations vigorously prosecuted day and night, there were made at this establishment, during the past mot the focus of the second disconfidently expected that 10,000 will be manufactured during the present month. On a recent visit, with a view to enlarge the capacity of the armory. I directed the upon the single armory at Spring field, and up is confidently expected that 10,000 will be manufactured during the present month. On a recent visit, with a view to enlarge the capacity of the armory, I directed the purchase of a large quantity of machinery already finished, which, when put in operation, will enable this establishment to produce, during the next year, 200,000 stand of the justly celebrated Springfield ritles. I respectfully suggest the gecommendation of a liberal appropriation by Congress for the purpose of yet further increasing the capacity of this armory believing that it can be made sufficient to supply all the muskets and rifles which the Government may hereafter need in any contingency. Located in a healthful country, in the midst of an industrious and ingenious people, where competent

hereafter need in any contingency. Located in a healthful country, in the midst of an industrious and ingenious people, where competent workmen can always be obtained without difficulty, and sufficiently near to all the materials needed in the manufacture of arms, it is at the same time accessible to every part of the country by water and railway communication.

After having made contracts for arms with the private establishments in this country, it was deemed necessary by the President to in sure a speedy and ample supply, to send a special agent to Europe with funds to the amount of two millions of dollars to purchase more. I am gratified to sta'e that he has made arrangements for a large number of arms, part of am gratified to state that he has made arrange-ments for a large number of arms, part of which have already been delivered. The re-mainder will be shipped by successive steam-ers until all shall have been received. Combinations among manufacturers, import-ers, and agents for the sale of arms, have, in price.

ers, and agents for the sale of atms, have, in many cases, caused an undue increase in price. To prevent advantage being thus taken of the necessities of Government, collectors of customs have been directed to deliver to the United Sta'es all arms and munitions that may be imported into this country.

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The demand for arms has called into existence numerous establishments for their manufacture throughout the loyal portion of the country, and it has been the policy of this department to encourage the development of the capital, enterprire and skill of our people in this direction. The Government should never have less than a million of muskets in its arsenals, with a corresponding propertion of arms and equipments for artillery and cavalry. Otherwise, it may, at a most critical moment, find itself deficient in guns while having an abundance of men.

I recommend that application be made to Congress for authority to establish a mational foundry for the manufacture of heavy artillery, at such a point as may afford the greatest facilities for the purpose. While a sufficient number of cannon perhaps could be procured from private manufactories, the possession of a national establishment would lead to experiments which would be useful to the country, and prevent imposition in prices by the accurate knowledge that would be accurate the overlage that would be accurated the real contracts.

national establishment would lead to experiments which would be useful to the country, and prevent imposition in prices by the accurate knowledge that would be acquired of the real value of work of this character.

In my last report I called attention to the fact that legislation was necessary for the reorganization, upon a uniform basis, of the militia of the country. Some general plan should be provided by Congress in a'd of the states, by which our militia can be organized, armed and disciplined, and made effective at any moment for immediate service. If thoroughly trained in time of peace, when occasion demands, it may be converted into a vast army, confident in its discipline and unconquerable in its patriot-

ism. In the absence of any general system of organization, upwards of 700,000 men have already been brought into the field; and, in view of the alacrity and enthusiasm that have been displayed, I do not heritate to express the be-bready of the alacrity and enthusiasm that have been displayed, I do not heritate to express the be-bready of the country will not be able not only tolville protect itself, but, contrary to is policy, which she is peace with all the world, to enter upon aggressive operations against any power that may not intermeded with our domestic affairs. A committee should be appointed by Congress, withfollow authority to sit during the recess, to devise an how report a plan for the general organization ois, to the Militia of the United States.

It is of great importance that immediate at redsitention should be given to the condition of oud usfortifications upon the seaboard and the lakes Thatand upon our exposed frontiers. They should a sform once be placed in perfect condition for success the ful defense. Aggressions are seldom made upofton vanion and the states of the state of

upon the entire service.

By existing laws and regulations an officer of the regular army racks an officer of volunteers I of the regular army racks an officer of volunteers I of the same grade, notwithstanding the commission of the latter may be of antecedent date, and In my judgment, this practice has a tendency m to repress the ardor and to limit the opportunity of the commission should confer the right of command, set I submit for reflection the question, whether up the distinction between regulars and volunteers In which now exists, should be permitted to constitute. The efficiency of the army, it appears to to me, might be greatly increased by a consoll, he dation of the two during the continuance of the war, which, combining both forces, would constitute them one grand army of the Union.

Recruiting for the regular army has not been estateded with that success which was anticipa-muted, although a large number of men have entered this branch of the service. While it is a admitted that soldiers in the regular army, unbeder the control of officers of military educations and experience, are generally better cared forse than those in the volunteer service, it is certain that the popular preference is largely given to the latter. Young men evidently prefer to enter a corps of officers with their friends and acquaintunces, and besides the bounty granted to volunteers in most of the states, inducements are often directly offered to them by those whose commissions depend upon their success in obtaining recruits. In addition, the volunteer is allowed to draw his full pay of \$13 per month, while by law \$2 per month are deducted from the pay of the regular, to be returned to him at the end of this term of service. In my judgment, this law should be repealed, and the regular soldier allowed to receive his full pay when due. He should also receive either a reasonable bounty yupon enlisting, or an advance of \$20 ofthe \$100 which a law of the previous for success in out military of earlies of the previous of the provisi

nation.

Extraordinary labor, energy and talent have Extraordinary labor, energy and talent have been required of the various bureaus of this dd partment to provide for the wants of our incumense army. While errors may have been occasionally committed by subordinates, and whilst extravagant prices have undoubtedly, in some cases, controlled by haste and the pressure of rapid events, been paid for supplies, it is with great gratification that I refer to the economical administration of affairs displayed in the various branches of the service. Our forces had not in only to be armed, clothed and fed, but had to the suddenly provided with means of transportations to an extent heretofore unparalleled. While he belive that there is no army in the world bettin provided for in every respect than our regulan provided for in every respect than our regular and volunteers, I candidly think that no forg so large, and so well equipped, was ever put a the field in sc sbort a space of time at so smar

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strictest economy and accountability. I this
the last dollar should be expended and the lai
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bellion to a speedy and permanent close.
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the nation, menaced by the rebels, and requir
to be defended by thousands of our treeps, in o be defended by thousands of our treeps, is luces me to suggest for consideration the pri-ciety and expediency of a reconstruction of the boundaries of the states of Delaware, Marylar and Virginia. Wisdom and true statesmansh would dictate that the seat of the national Go would dicta'e that the seat of the national Godernment, for all time to come, should be placed beyond reasonable danger of seizure by enemi within, as well as from capture by foes from without. By agreement between the stat's named, I such as was effected, for similar pussions, by Michigan and Ohio, and by Misseth and I lowa, their boundaries could be changed as to render the capital more remoit than at present from the influence of state godernments which have arrayed themselves in felbellion against the federal authority. To the limits of Virginia might be so altered as to make her boundaries consist of the Blackidge on the east and Pennsylvania on the north, leaving those on the south and west as present. By this arrangement, two counties. north, leaving those on the south and west as present. By this arrangement, two counties Maryland (Alleghany and Washington) we transferred to the jurisdiction of Virginia. that portion of Virginia which lies between the Blue Ridge and Chesapeake Bay could then added to Maryland, while that portion of teninsula between the waters of the Chesapea and the Atlantic, now jointly held by Maryla and Virginia, could be incorporated into the state of Delaware. A reference to the map we show that these are great natural boundari.

state of Delaware. A reference to the map we show that these are great natural boundari which, for all time to come, would serve to mathe limits of these s'ates.

To make the protection of the capital complete, in consideration of the large accessions territory which Maryland would receive under the arrangement proposed, it would be necessary that that state should consent so to modified the constitution as to limit the basis of her refresentation to her white population.

In this connection it would be the part of we dome to re-annex to the District of Columbat portion of its original limits which by of Congress was retroceded to the state of the congress was retroceded to the state of the congress was retroceded to the state of the Columbat of the United States.

To the President of the United States.